(b) if so, whether such permission has been granted; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISRY OF EXERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) A proposal exists for the re-establishment of Consulates General by India and China in each other's countries. The mater has been under discussion betwen the two Governments.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Entry Tax Imposed by Nepal on Indian Vehicles

2318. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an entry tax has been imposed on Indian vehicles entering Nepal while there is no such tax on th entry of Nepalese vehicles in India;

(b) whether it is also a fact that apart from the national entry tax, every Nagar Panchayat in Nepal charges separate entry tax on Indian vehicles and that there is no such entry tax on Nepalese vehicles in Indian cities;

(c) whether the Nagar Panchayat entry tax in Nepal is discriminatory and the amount of tax charged from Indian vehicles is many times more than what is charged from Nepalese vehicles; and

(d) if the answer to parts (a) to (c) above in the affrmative whether Government propose to take up this matter with the Government of Nepal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K NATWAR SINGH): (a) Nepalese customs duty is levied on Indian motor vehicles entering Nepal for visits over seven days. Duty is leviable on buses and mini buses after five days of entry into Nepal. Goods vehicles attract duty after 48 hours of entry into Nepal. Nepalese vehicles can enter India with entry permits issued by the Indian Embassy in Kathmandu against bank guarantees of their re-import into Nepal.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Government have no information to indicate this.

(d) The need for reciprocity in the tax regime for vehicles of one country entering the other has been impressed on the Government of Nepal.

Views of Sri Lankan Prime Minister on Indo-Sri Lankan Accord

2319. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the UNP Presidential candidate in Sri Lanka and presently the Prime Minister of that country, has said that if he is elected President, he would like to replace the Indo-Sri Lanka accord with a treaty of peace and friendship; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government have noted this statement.

Withholding of M. Phil. (Hindi) results by the Delhi University

2320. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what compensation is sought to be given to the candidates affected by withholding of result of M. Phil (Hindi Examination held in April, 1987, South Campus, Delhi candidates for the loss of two academic years for no fault of theirs; and